Pay Scales of University Teachers

*374. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new pay scales approved by Government for University teachers are to be adopted separately by each of the Central Universities;

(b) if so, which of these Universities are yet to adopt them; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The provisions of the Scheme have to be incoporated by each Central University in its Statutes/Ordinances.

(b) and (c) According to the information available, the process of making necessary provisions in Statutes/Ordinances has been initiated by all the Central Universities.

Development of Village Sports

*375. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made with regard to development of rural sports after the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) what was the total fund earmarked for this purpose during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) what is the amount allocated to the State Government of Orissa to develop rural sports so far in 1987?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Sports is a state subject under the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the primarily responsibility for promotion of sports rests with the State Governments. With a view, however, to supplementing the efforts of the State Governments/Union Territories to develop sports, including rural sports, the Central Government have allocated Rs. 200 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan as against about Rs 14.73 crores in Sixth Five Year Plan. Many new schemes which are relevant for rural sports also have been launched in the Seventh Five Year Plan. The important among them are promotion of indigenous games and martial arts, special areas scheme, financial assistance to sports oriented schools etc. Assistance under the other schemes like All India Rural Sports Tournaments Scheme, assistance for development of Rural Sports Centres is also made available for promotion of rural sports. The benefit of other schemes being operated by the Central Government for promotion of sports and games in the country are also available to the States/Union Territories to develop sports in rural areas.

No statewise allocation is made for developing rural sports. Assistance is provided under the various schemes as per approved pattern and the same is available to State Government of Orissa also.

Railway travelling benefit for freedom fighters

*376. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of freedom fighters who have availed of the

benefit of All India Travel scheme so far;

(b) what are the norms and conditions envisaged under this scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government insists upon a time schedule for them to complete their travelling programme;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to relax the same in view of the inconvenience being caused to freedom fighters to complete their travel programme within a fixed time limit; and

(e) whether Shri Sunil Gavaskar the noted cricketer and his family have been rewarded with a life-long Railway pass; and if so, the number of other persons who have been awarded with such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 34 467 All India Complimentary Card Passes have been issued upto 31st October 1987. to the Freedom Fighters.

(b) and (c) As per the scheme evolved at the instance of the Ministry of Home Affairs (who bear the expenditure on cost), Freedom Fighters who are receiving pension from the Central Revenues under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, have been given the All India Complimentary Card Passes for travel from any station to any station freely on the Indian Railways system in first class with their spouse/companion during the one year validity period of the pass. The scheme was in operation from 9th November 1986 to 18th November, 1987.

(d) There is no proposal to relax the time limit for travel beyond 1 year.

(e) No person has been given

Research on Vedic Mathematics

*377. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Times of India of 3rd September, 1987 wherein it has been stated that in Britain, Researchers have found that Vedic mathematics has proved to be very useful in checking results or computer calculations and is opening new vistas in other fields also;

(b) if so, what are the reserches made so far or being proceeded further in the country relating to Vedic mathematics and its applications; and

(c) what are the names of such projects and Governments efforts to encourage them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Some scholars in India are known to be engaged in the study and propagation of Vedic Mathematics. The Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan which has recently been set up, is considering the preparation of a project to encourage Vedic mathematics and its application to computer calculations.

Railway lines electrified in Rajasthan

*378. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of railway lines electrified so far in Rajas-